

from the duperies of the people, are less injurious than those from the egoism of their agents, I am a friend to that composition of government which has in it the most of this ingredient. And I sincerely believe, with you, that banking establishments are more dangerous than standing armies; and that the principle of spending money to be paid by posterity, tinder the name of funding, is but swindling futurity on a large scale. (To John Taylor, 1816. F. X., 28-31.)

RESIDENCE OF CONGRESSMEN.—Is the necessity now urgent, to declare that no non-residents of his district shall be eligible as a member of Congress? It seems to me that, in practice, the partialities of the people are *a*. sufficient security against such an election; and that if, in any instance, they should ever choose a non-resident, it must be one of such eminent merit and qualifications, as would make it a good, rather than an evil; and that, in any event, the examples will be so rare, as never to amount to a serious evil. If the case then be neither clear nor urgent, would it not be better to let it be undisturbed? Perhaps its decision may never be called for. But if it be indispensable to establish this disqualification now, would it not look better to declare such others, at the same time, as may be proper? I frankly cannot wish to have them go further. (To J. C. Cahall, 1814. C. VI., 310.)

RETIREMENT.—There may be people to whose tempers and dispositions contention is pleasing, and who, therefore, wish a continuance of confusion, but to me it is of all states but one the most horrid. My first wish is a restoration of our just rights; my second a return of the happy period, when consistently with duty I may withdraw myself totally from the public stage, and pass the rest of my days in domestic ease and tranquillity, banishing every desire of ever hearing what passes in the world. (To John Randolph, 1775. F- I., 482.)

RETIREMENT.—Before I ventured to declare to my countrymen my determination to retire from public employment, I examined well my heart to know whether it were thoroughly cured of every principle of political ambition, whether no lurking particle remained which might leave me uneasy when re-